

VIOLENCE LET LOOSE BY JANATA PARTY GOVERNMENT TO SUPPRESS LEGITIMATE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENTS

—The Same Old

Heritage Carried Forward

To bring about restoration of democratic rights and civil liberties, if voted to power, was one of the Janata Party's foremost promises to the people in the last election battle. And since their take over of power at the centre, they never tire in eulogising the extent of democratic rights and freedom they have restored sparing no efforts to convince people of its truth, but the manner in which they suppress all legitimate peoples' movements tells a different story altogether. In their six month's rule the Janata Government has let loose a wave of violence in suppression of people's rights. Thus, in Rajahara Mines (under Bhilai Steel Project) the legitimate demands of the workers for some bonus at par with workers of the steel plant was most brutally suppressed and their trade Union leader arrested. When the workers assembled in protest and demanded the release of their leader the police started firing at random causing a real massacre. The actual numbers of killings were much higher than 13 as reported in the press, which made the whole massacre appear as a sequel to an armed Naxalite action.

In parliament the Home Minister defended this police atrocity in the name of law and order. In the nature of their ruthlessness and savagery there is no difference whatsoever with the former regime. Similar police atrocities took place in Bihar, too. On August 24, the workers of Jitpur Colliery of Indian Iron and Steel Company peacefully assembled in front of the manager's office and demanded that the management meet their long-standing grievances and make payment of outstanding dues to them as directed by the RLC which the management had continuously refused to do. In answer to their legitimate just demands the workers were most brutally lathi charged by CISF men and even fired upon resulting in the death of a worker. Another incident, in outrageous violation of all democratic norms and ways happened in Bokaro Steel City where the workers of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd. had been agitating for the implementation of the decision of the Steel Wage Board in vain for more than a month. On August 26, the management ostensibly for conducting negotiations sent for some workers' representatives only to have them arrested. Next day when the

workers peacefully demonstrated in front of the administrative building and asked for the release of their arrested leaders the CRP began lathi charge and fired on the workers killing six, injuring a great number and arresting more than a hundred workers.

Even the public is not spared from this savage onslaught and brutal killings. In Barahiya (Monghyr district) on September 2, police opened fire on a crowd of people, members of the public including local students, who staged a peaceful protest demonstration at police inaction, since the police had failed to take action against the culprits who had committed an unnatural offence on a schoolboy. According to the Economic Times four persons died on the spot and three in hospital later. There are countless other incidents revealing the real nature of police oppression; to mention but a few—Faridabad, Ghaziabad, UP. Modinagar, Sonapat—in these belts ruthless suppression of the workers' legitimate demands followed in quick succession.

Just after the formation of government at the centre by the Janata Party one of our c. c. member Comrade Pritish Chanda

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We Greet Vietnam's Admission To The United Nations

On 22nd of September last Vietnam was admitted to the United Nations amidst prolonged acclamation. It was the opening day of the 32nd Session of the General Assembly.

About 100 countries jointly sponsored Vietnam's admission on the basis of recommendation of the security council. The history of the liberation struggle of Vietnamese people in which the Vietnamese people attained total victory by giving crushing defeat to the US-imperialists and its puppet has recorded a splendid history in the annals of the freedom struggles of the world. The toiling and oppressed people all over world was so long waiting for the rightful place of Vietnam in the United Nations. But the US-imperialists which had several times before, vetoed Vietnam's admission to the U. N., now conceded its justified place as they had to do in the case of the People's Republic of China, before the mounting world-wide opinion.

We on behalf of the toiling people of India convey our revolutionary greetings to the people of Vietnam.

Make SUCI Candidate Comrade Sadhu Banerjee Victorious at Arsa Constituency

The election to the Arsa Assembly Constituency of Purulia district in West Bengal is going to be held on 9th October 1977. Our party has selected Comrade Sadhu Banerjee, a veteran mass leader of the district, a member of the Purulia District Committee, SUCI to contest the election.

The Congress, Janata and the "left front" also

have put up their candidates.

Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee SUCI, in an appeal to the voters of the Arsa constituency has urged upon them to make Comrade Sadhu Banerjee victorious, to uphold the cause of genuine left politics and democratic mass movements.

Statement of Secretary Assam State Committee, SUCI

Com. Asit Bhattacharyya, Secretary of the Assam State Committee of SUCI has released the following statement to the Press:—

"An extended meeting of the Assam State Committee of the SUCI was held at the Party Office at Gauhati from 16th to 18th September '77. The meeting expressed grave concern about the famine conditions created by devastating floods in different parts of the state and strongly demanded regular supply of sufficient quantity of gratuitous relief including baby foods; arrangement of test relief works for the agricultural labourers, free distribution of seeds and seedlings to the flood affected peasants all over the state, and adequate monetary grant for purchasing cattle and reconstructing houses to

the needy flood-stricken people.

The Central Committee of the SUCI strongly feels that powerful mass movements must immediately be organised throughout the country for effective solution of the (a) Problem of alarming price rise, (b) Acute unemployment problem, (c) Restoration and extension of democratic rights and release of all categories of political prisoners.

The State Committee of the Party has, therefore, decided to launch forthwith, a state-wide vigorous campaign demanding (1) Introduction of all-out State Trading in food-grains and other essential commodities, (2) Provision of jobs to jobless persons or otherwise provision of

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PROVISIONS OF "EMERGENCY" APPLIED TO SUPERSEDE THE BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION WEST BENGAL

The 'Left Front' Government on September 14 last superseded the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education and appointed Mr. Satyapriya Roy of the CPI(M), a former United Front Minister for Education, its administrator. In a notification issued in Calcutta, the State Government held the superseded Board responsible for the failure to protect the interest and security of the teachers who had been prevented from taking up their duties despite 'necessary directions'. The Board had also failed to approve in time the elected managing committees and had allowed schools to function without these committees or with 'invalid' ones, the notification alleged. The notification also mentioned charges like abuse of power, misuse of fund, negligence in conducting examination and publishing results etc. etc.

As regards the charges against the Board we fully subscribe to them. As a matter of fact Comrade Debaprasad Sarkar, the leader of the SUCI group in West Bengal Assembly raised those very charges while he was speaking on the budget demand on education on 12th September last; but unfortunately Comrade Sarkar did not get any reply or assurance from the government regarding the remedial measures against these issues on that day. But on 14th September last the Board was superseded in a manner which can be only called conspiratorial, on the plea of removing these charges of corruption and maladministration by showing scant regard to democratic norms. From newspaper reports and also from the statements of some Ministers as published in newspapers it seems that other constituents of the 'Left Front' were not taken into confidence in taking the decision of the supersession of the Board. A report published in the Statesman, dated September 16, '77 states: "The West Bengal Minister for Higher Education, Mr. Shambhu Ghosh said, in reply to a reporter's question in Calcutta on Thursday that the decision to supersede the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education had not been discussed by the cabinet before it was announced by the Minister for School Education, Mr.

Partha Dey, in the Assembly on Wednesday. He refused to comment when asked whether he felt this should have been discussed in the cabinet. Mr. Ghosh agreed, however, that the issue was quite a serious one.

"The Minister said that he was not aware whether the matter had been discussed in the Left Front committee meeting since some other representatives of his party (Forward Bloc) attended the meeting. Mr. Ghosh also declined to say whether he was happy with the decision".

But it is learnt from a subsequent report published in the Statesman dated 19th September 1977, that the decision to supersede the Board was taken by the 'Left Front' and there was no rift in 'Left Front' on any issue. What ever might be the case, a public controversy did surface because of the statements of some Ministers; however the constituents of the 'Left Front' know best the truth about it. But what worries us most is the manner adopted in superseding the Board. When the state government took this measure the Assembly was in session. So it was expected that the ruling party would take the legislature into confidence in taking such an action. At least ethics and minimum democratic norms demand such an approach from any democratic government.

The 'Left Front' Government in West Bengal declared on assumption of office that it would not run the administration from the Writers' Building but would depend on the democratic opinion of the masses in framing and implementing its policies. But in superseding the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education, the Minister for School Education, let alone eliciting democratic opinion of the students, teachers and other sections of the democratic masses, even by-passed the legislature. What is worse is that the state government led by the CPI(M) took recourse to a black law which was passed by the Assembly in February last with the help of the hated Emergency in spite of the fact that the CPI(M) is committed to undo all undemocratic measures including the 42nd amendment of the constitution. The CPI(M), along with others, just before the election was showering promises to the electorate to do all in its power to scrap the hated 42nd amendment in its totality. But when the opposition including our party, the SUCI staged a walk out from the Assembly in protest against the undemocratic act of the government by resorting to the hated laws passed under the Emergency, Sri Jyoti Basu, the Chief Minister defended his action by saying, "Was not the Central Government making use of the laws passed during the Emergency?" What an argument! Does Sri Basu want to mean that the action of the state government becomes justified as the central government is also resorting to the same undemocratic measures? We know that the leaders of the Janata party at the centre are discussing with the Congress in order to retain certain so-called 'good things' of the 42nd amendment and it seems from the argument of Sri Jyoti Basu that the CPI(M)

also share the same view about those 'good things' of Emergency, which the Janata Party discovered after the election.

History is replete with instances of the Congress Government taking recourse to such undemocratic measures with the ulterior motive of serving its petty party interest. At that time all democratic forces including the CPI(M) condemned those heinous moves of the Congress Government. But what is sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose too. The supersession of the Board bypassing the legislature by the present 'Left Front' government is, therefore, equally undemocratic and deserves severest condemnation. It is apparent that the CPI(M) leadership opposed the Congress in all their undemocratic measures not from an angle of upholding democratic norms; they opposed the Congress as they were being deprived of a fair share of the loaves and fishes. The CPI(M) leadership too does not hesitate to trample democratic norms whenever their petty sectarian party interest demands it.

The Board of Secondary Education has been superseded with the expressed intention of removing corruption. But how can the corruption be wiped out by taking such an administrative measure only and that too in a very surreptitious manner? Is it possible to remove corruption without mobilising public opinion and without relying on the democratic movement? We have seen that the Central Government took over the Viswavarati University with the intention of removing corruption and mismanagement; but nothing tangible has been achieved. It is only by conducting serious ideological struggle and releasing cultural movement backed by administrative measure, whenever necessary that the corruption can be removed. But it is sad that no other party excepting the SUCI has ever come forward with the task of cultural movement.

It is known to all that

during the period of the Congress misrule most of the governing bodies and the managing committees of the academic institutions were most undemocratically constituted. As most of the educational institutions are financially dependent on the government, most unjust and wrongful pressure was created over the authorities of the institutions by taking recourse to different heinous ways and means. The Congress most undemocratically inducted their own men in constituting these managing committees. So it is necessary to undo the wrong and arbitrary actions of the previous Congress regime and restore democratic atmosphere in educational institutions. But if the 'Left Front' government led by CPI(M) replaces the men of the Congress Party by their own men without going through the democratic process of holding elections to constitute the managing committee of different institutions and without the most urgent task of democratising the Board of Secondary Education itself, then it would be the most unjust and highly condemnable action. In this connection it must be mentioned that while the government must bear the full financial responsibility of the educational institutions, it at the same time, must refrain from curtailing the autonomy of these institutions. Under the existing 'capitalist system any governmental control over the educational institutions will invariably lead to regimentation of thought to the benefit of the ruling class no matter which party runs the government. So in order keep the education system free from regimentation the educational institutions must be kept free from governmental control and their autonomy must be extended further.

Lastly we appeal to all persons interested in education to think over the entire issue in an unbiased way so that a correct approach emerges through debate and discussion and the cause of education and the banner of democracy is upheld.

COUNTRY RECALLS THE GREAT TEACHINGS OF COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH

In our last issue dated the 1st September '77 we published reports of Memorial meetings to pay homage to our beloved departed leader and the great leader of the proletariat **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** held at different places of Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya and M. P. News of Memorial meetings held in different states are still coming. The news of the Memorial meeting held at Jabalpur in M. P. was published incomplete in the last issue and we are now publishing it fully along with the news of the meetings held at Cuttack, Jajpur, Jaunpur, Alipore Central Jail and at Trivandrum and Quilon.

MADHYA PRADESH

Jabalpur : Under the auspices of the Madhya Pradesh State Unit of the SUCI a Memorial meeting on the occasion of the first death anniversary of the great leader of the proletariat **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** was held at the City Bengalee Club Hall at Jabalpur on 14th September last. Besides the members, workers and supporters-sympathisers of the Party, a large number of common people also attended the meeting.

The meeting started with the placing of wreaths at the portrait of the great departed leader by **Comrade Sankar Singh**, a member of the Central Committee of our Party and the renowned mass leader of the Bihar movement, **Comrade Asoke Ganguly** and **Com. Vargav** respectively on behalf of the C.C., the M. P. state unit of the Party and M.P. state unit of AIDS. The song composed on **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** and the Internationale were sung. **Comrade Asoke Ganguly** took the chair in the meeting and **Comrade Sankar Singh** paid his tributes as the main speaker.

While recounting some of the most invaluable contributions to the treasure house of Marxism-Leninism by our beloved departed leader, **Com. Singh** said in his speech that in the post-Lenin period, in the perspective of newer problems of life and society **Comrade Ghosh** made brilliant contributions to the International Communist movement and brought many of its aspects to a

new height. In the present era he, thus, historically emerged as the living soul of World Proletarian Revolution. It was **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** who for the first time took note of the modern revisionism particularly since the 20th Congress of the CPSU and declared: 20th Congress of the CPSU has opened up the flood-gate of revisionism. He first pointed out that to-day revisionism is the main danger in International Communist Movement and upheld the ideological-political line for defeating the modern trend of revisionism-reformism. It was he who for the first time provided us with the correct ideological weapon and correct method to fight against fascism and unmasked its basic ideological base. It was **Comrade Ghosh** who for the first time pointed out the mechanical thought process functioning and growing in international communist movement in the post-Lenin period. **Comrade Singh** also reminded that, it was **Comrade Ghosh** who long ago cautioned the toiling masses of India about the conspiracy of the bourgeoisie to bring fascism in our country even under the garb of Two-party system which we are now witnessing. The pseudo-communist parties of our country are helping fascism to get established by supporting this side and that.

In fine, **Comrade Singh** urged upon all to come forward to fulfil the behest of the great departed leader by engaging ourselves more and more in the

revolutionary activities of the people under the leadership of the Party and to carry the immortal teachings of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** to the masses. He observed, that will be the best way to pay our true homage to the great departed leader.

Comrade Asoke Ganguly, president of the meeting, also paid tributes.

On this occasion a book-stall and a quotation exhibition on the thoughts of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** were organised which created tremendous interests among the local people.

KERALA

Trivandrum and Quilon :

To observe the first death anniversary of the great leader of the proletariat **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** two large Memorial meetings were held at Quilon and Trivandrum in Kerala on the 12th and 14th September last with great enthusiasm and solemnity. In both the meetings, to pay their heartfelt homage and to express their deep reverence to the memory of the great departed leader, people attended in such a huge number that even the journalist circle of Kerala could not but mention it. The political circles of Kerala took note of both these meetings as very significant. They noted how the great lessons of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**, carried and implemented by his party SUCI are gaining ground among the progressive masses of this far off state. In both the meetings **Comrade Krishna Chakraborty**, organiser of Delhi state, was present as the main speaker. While paying his homage to the great departed leader, **Comrade Chakraborty** said, **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** was such a noble and lofty character, a burning flame of revolutionary devotion, determination and wisdom as also a living example of proletarian ethics, morality



Comrade Sankar Singh addressing the Memorial Meeting of the great leader of the proletariat held at Jabalpur, M.P.

and culture that He could hardly be properly highlighted. His was a life and character that were built up through conscious, long and tortuous struggle since the very beginning of his historic venture to build up the only revolutionary party of the working class in India—the SUCI. He was a successful inheritor of the uncompromising revolutionary trend of the Indian nationalist movement and one of the greatest torch-bearers of the glorious tradition of International Communist Movement. **Comrade Chakraborty** went on to say that in **Comrade Ghosh** proletarian ethics, morality and culture glaringly found its best expression. **Comrade Ghosh** has showed us how the present moribund capitalist society is destroying all human values and said whoever would want to protect those cherished values must have to wage relentless struggles to replace this capitalist society with the proletarian society. It is impossible today to maintain and cherish any high moral values through individual efforts alone, for the very fundamental question of emancipation of the individual has been inseparably linked up with the emancipation of the whole society.

Comrade Chakraborty added, **Comrade Ghosh's** untiring fight against all sorts of opportunism, economism and various brands of social-democratism practised by the existing so-called communist parties in our soil, has provided the Indian proletariat with a new direction. His clarion call for adherence to the base political line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution has for the first

time opened up the concrete possibility for emancipation of our toiling masses.

Comrade Chakraborty was confident that our great beloved leader, teacher and guide might be no more physically with us but his unparalleled revolutionary character and historic teachings were very much with us which would lead us, our Party SUCI and the proletariat of our country to accomplish his unfinished task of socialist revolution in Indian soil.

U. P

Jaunpur : Memorial meeting was held in Jaunpur at Badalpur on the 28th September last. The meeting was presided over by **Comrade Jugdish Prosad Asthana**, Secretary of the Jaunpur Dist. Committee of the Party. **Comrade Amar Kr. Pandey** member of the Bihar State Committee of our Party and a renowned mass leader of Bihar was present as the main speaker.

In his speech **Comrade Pandey** observed, the great revolutionary genius of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** placed before us, the toiling masses of India the only correct base political line of the proletariat—the strategy and tactics of anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution in our country.

And for that purpose, he has also built up and left for us the genuine revolutionary party—the SUCI led by a band of dedicated and trained leaders fully capable of leading the party and the masses to fulfil the dream of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**. Now it is our duty to stand as one man under the guidance of this leadership before

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WHAT WERE THEIR PROMISES

The CPI(M) leaders made many promises to the people during their campaign before the election to the West Bengal Assembly. Those promises include "jobs for all able-bodied persons and social insurance and unemployment allowance for the unemployed", "reduction of taxes on essential articles and their proper distribution". "Fixing of price of essential articles at national state level and effective penal action against arbitrary raising of prices by monopolists, hoarders and blackmarketeers", economic regeneration of the state, opening of closed factories etc. etc. The CPI(M) and its allies have come to governmental power.

How far, people's verdict has worked and what was the role of monopoly houses—bureaucracy-press barons combine in determining actually the election results, though a serious question, is not the subject of discussion here. Here we want to examine, how far sincere has been this government in meeting its commitments to the people.

Nobody expected any miracle to happen nor anything 'revolutionary' was expected of a government which is nothing but the "caretaker of the bourgeoisie", "an operator of the bourgeois state machine". But what the people definitely expected of the government was that at least they would reflect pro-people attitude and would take those concrete steps and measures which are within their powers and which any government having a modicum of pro-people attitude should normally do.

The 'left front' in fact detailed out their programme of 36-points and in the governor's speech presented to the Assembly it was assured that the government would be guided by the 36-point programme. Chief Minister Jyoti Basu told the Assembly that they would not bluff the people like the previous Congress ministry but would sincerely implement the 36 point programme on which they fought the election and as such stand committed to the people.

But what is the picture today? How far sincere has been the government in honouring its commitment? We do not ask of them to show tangible

results, now at this stage.

Nor do we refer to their promises of like regeneration of economy, jobs for all able-bodied persons, opening of factories etc. Let them try if they can. But what about taking "penal action against arbitrary raising of prices by monopolists, hoarders and blackmarketeers"? Do they think there is no speculative price increases almost daily and that the situation has not far over-stepped people's patience? In fact prices of all the essential commodities are increasing by leaps and bounds and people do not know what price they will have to pay the next day for essential items of consumption. This shows that speculators, hoarders and blackmarketeers, this tribe of anti-socials have had a real field day. People are feeling helpless and expect of the government which is not a Congress Government but a 'Left Government' to take stern measures against these enemies of the people in conformity with their electoral promises. But what has been the response of the government to this dire misery of the people? The response of the government has been quite contrary to people's expectation and the electoral promises. In fact the 'left front' spokesmen are also admitting this fact but the point is what concrete steps they are taking to protect the people? Rather, whatever might have been the promises and the assurances, of sincerity, the ministers and the spokesmen of the front, more specifically, both the Chief Minister Jyoti Basu and the

chairman of the front Promode Dasgupta started singing a different tune immediately after assumption of office. They started telling the people that everything about their promises would depend on the centre. They mean to say that the ministry has nothing to do except placing orders to the centre for what the people of this state want them to do.

If this is political honesty then people are surely within their rights to ask a few questions to them. They will ask, if it is true that the State Government has nothing to do with the hoarders and speculators who are holding the people at ransom and are freely robbing them of their last paise with impunity then since when this realisation of truth dawned on the leaders? Is it after actual enjoyment of ministerial privileges or the privileges of a ruling party in the administration? Why not before it? Why not at the time of drafting the 36-point programme, at the time of electioneering? Then again, is it not a fact that these parties who are now in the government did actually tell the people a different thing when they asked them, as parties in the opposition, to organise against the anti-people food and price policies of the previous State Governments? Is it not a fact that they led many movements in the past against the pro-monopolist and pro-speculator food policies of Profulla Sen and Siddhartha Roy? Why then did they mislead the people? Why then they demanded of the state governments, again and again, stern measures against hoarders and profiteers? When the Congress governments because of their link with those enemies of the people bungled the issues, took weak-kneed policies why then the 'leftist' leaders demanded of them to get out? Will the people be wrong if they say that if they have nothing to do then they should come

down from the ministry and join in mighty movement against these enemies of the people? Will it not save the precious public money spent on the state ministry and bring the centre direct to the people? And finally, will not the people be justified to say that telling one thing before the election to get votes and then a complete disowning of that after coming to the government, though not a new experience, is not political honesty by any definition?

But a question still remains that does CPI(M) leaders think that a state government has nothing to do with the hoarders and speculators? Why we doubt this? Because we see that Sri B. T. Ranadive, a member of the Polit Bureau of that party is accusing the Kerala Government (where they are not in the ministry), of pursuing anti-people policy in not curbing the dishonest traders. In his speech at the General Council of CITU, Sri Ranadive says: "In Kerala, during the Emergency, the economic and employment situation worsened beyond measures. The Coir, Cashew, Bidi and handloom industries threw thousands out of work.

"The acute unemployment situation led to illegal migration, thousands seeking jobs abroad... virtually accepting the status of bonded labour.

"The wretched Coalition Government would not lift its finger to give relief to the workers. *Much relief can be given if only the government undertakes monopoly procurement of coir husk and ensures its equitable distribution. But this would affect the enormous profits of the merchants. How can the coalition agree to this?*

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So, Ranadive thinks that 'much relief can be given' to the people against the operators of speculative price manipulation of articles if the State Government 'undertakes monopoly procurement'

and 'ensures its equitable distribution'. And the Kerala Government certainly can not take the plea that it depends on the centre. If it does, it will be a cover for not affecting the enormous profits of the merchants'. But the point is what is true for Kerala is equally true for any other State Government particularly when it is a government run by a party having this piece of wisdom of Mr. Ranadive. Why then the CPI(M) led government is pleading its inability to take any such measures as would affect the enormous profits of the merchants? How is it that the West Bengal Government not to speak of taking any measure against the speculators and blackmarketeers in essential articles has completely failed to protect jute growers by ensuring monopoly procurement of jute at a remunerative price although that was also one of the electoral promises? What would Mr. Ranadive say?

Then again, when they are saying that nothing can be done on the food and essential commodities front, Sri Jyoti Basu, himself says a different thing when it is an occasion of an interview with the Blitz-editor having an all-India publicity. The editor of that journal reports thus:

"In an interview with Mr. Karanjia, Blitz-editor Mr. Jyoti Basu said, even if the union government failed to announce its programme and put it into practice, the State Government would devote all its efforts to curb prices. Mr. Basu agreed with the Blitz-editor that what was needed, 'special courts to hold summary trials and mete out drastic punishments to economic criminals.' He was aware that a small cotarie of wholesalers controlled the commodity market. 'These people will be rounded up, if necessary, by issuing ordinances or by introducing prompt legislative measures in the Assembly now in sessions,

AND HOW THEY FULFIL THEM

and put up for trial because 'we can hardly afford to be quiet in a situation like this.'

(Blitz—Sept. 10, '77)

Heroic words no doubt: But people wanted them to be heroic not in rhetorics but in concrete deeds. Otherwise these rhetorics too, will go the same way as did those of Indira Gandhi or Siddhartha Sankar Roy.

But do we see any real step towards that end? No, rather the 'left front' spokesmen are saying that they will soon initiate propaganda campaign against price rise! Explaining the intention of this campaign, Sri Promode Dasgupta has said that "the mass campaign on the economic and democratic issues are intended to bring popular pressure on the Central Government"

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He also says that "our party holds the definite view that wholesale trade in about eight to ten essential commodities must be taken over by the Government". That is to say people's attention will be diverted to Central Government, urging it to take over wholesale trade in eight to ten essential commodities but meanwhile let the profiteers and the hoarders—the sharks loot the people. The State Government and the fronts' responsibility ceases only by placing this demand to the Central Government. What about the Chief Minister's bold declaration to the Blitz editor that even if the Central Government sits pretty, his government can not sit quiet but would "mete out, drastic punishments" to economic offenders by 'summary trial' in 'special courts' and that they will be 'rounded up'? It seems therefore that on the one hand such heroic words are being uttered for all India publicity by the Chief Minister but in reality they are trying to divert peoples' attention to the centre, shirking their minimum responsibility to protect the people from the rapa-

city of the economic criminals? Does this antique differ in any way from that of the previous Congress regime? Was it not a fact that S. S. Roy, the previous Chief Minister made the same 'bold' declaration and even encouraged his youth cadres to gherao Barabazar or Birla's house, took the so-called dehoarding drive as diversion tactics but did not touch the real problem and thus allowed the profiteers to mint fabulous speculative gains at the cost of people's life? If that was crash political dishonesty as all the leftist leaders now in government told that day, what they themselves are doing now? Do they dare touch the real problem to prove their minimum political honesty?

The Finance Minister of the West Bengal Government has recently announced that it will give subsidy to certain items of consumption to provide relief to the people. From the face of it, it may appear that people will get relief but in reality it will add to the superprofits of the black marketeers unless they take at the same time stern measures against the speculators. The government can not give sanction to arbitrary price manipulation. But if it does not take any measure against the blackmarketeers but just give subvention what it will mean? First, there is no guarantee that the subsidised items will be of the same quality. There is every possibility of these being of inferior quality. The dishonest traders will mint lakhs of rupees coming as government subvention by adulterating the articles. Secondly, this will stabilise the present high prices of the commodities giving governments' seal of approval. And thirdly, which is the most sinister part of the move, is that it will give an air of relief on price front and thereby distract people's mind from movement. So, by draining the public money, profiteers' pockets will be lined, they will be

protected and covered up from the wrath of the exploited people at their own cost. Splendid! What can be a better service to the black marketeers and hoarders? Even the State Congress ministry could not go to that length.

But where lies the real problem? Is it in increasing production alone? Nobody is opposed to increase in production, other than the capitalists who are guided by the motive of maximisation of profit. Workers have increased production all these years by their toil. But have they got any benefit from this increase in production? The Congress leaders gave the hoax to the people that production had not increased and that it was due to this that there was high prices. How come that spokesmen of the left front are also talking in the same vein? They are saying that "they do not want to give any stunt" and that the remedy lies in increasing production. People of our country have a different experience. They have seen that when surplus food stock has posed a problem to the government for storing, prices of food have not come down, instead they have increased. So what relevance is there of prices of food articles to actual level of production in this capitalist economy where prices are determined on the basis of the law of maximum profits? But that is about the law of determining the average market price of commodities based on maximisation of profit which can not be otherwise so long this capitalist productive system remains. But over and above this average market price, speculative price increases are there which are bringing hell to people's life. Can not this speculative price manipulation be arrested by the government? Yes, it can be done and has actually been done in many bourgeois countries. Those who plead after having placed themselves in the government that nothing can be

done in regard to this speculative manipulation of prices are simply falsifying the truth.

Truth is that, the speculators-hoarders-blackmarketeers whatever term one may use against this tribe they have a chain of their own which is composed of the big landowner businessmen, bureaucracy including police with liquid fund, whether of their own or supplied by the banks and other financial institutions. They take hold of the stock of agricultural products both by avoiding payment of government levy as well as by purchasing the distress sale of small and marginal peasants. They become the wholesalers and the hasking mills are also at their disposal. Now they operate with the direct aid and assistance of the bureaucrats and police. They have also raised an army of roughs who move under the direct protection of the police. So, if anybody wants to attack this vicious problem of speculative manipulation of prices if he is serious then he must move on two fronts and concentrate on equitable distribution of products. First, one is to break this evil chain of these gangsters with stern administrative measures. But one can not succeed by mere depending on the police and bureaucracy which are themselves partners of this vile business. It is no use patting some officers as good because it is no question of any individual being good or bad. It will be of no avail in the matter of breaking this powerful chain. For this, utilising the government machinery, one is to spot out the particular links of the chain and take strong measures against them and organise people's movement against these enemies of the society. Stern administrative measures will have to be brought to effect backed by strong public pressure. In order to bring this popular pressure to bear upon, this popular pressure is to be given concrete

shape of people's committees down to the village and mahalla level. If this can be done then and then only a real battle of the people against their enemies will be on. Secondly, our party has again and again brought to the people the fact that mere taking over of wholesale trade will be simply an eyewash, as it will inevitably fail to touch the bottom of the problem. From the peculiar features of our country as also the concrete experience of the past will show that the wholesalers have no difficulty to turn retailers overnight to carry on the illicit trade. So, they are to start from the root, they are to takeover the entire trade at the hands of the government down to the retail level. The government can very well employ the vast army of unemployed both at the rural and urban sectors including the petty shopkeepers and small traders weaning them away from the clutches of the evil chain of speculators-bureaucracy-police combine. It can go to a certain extent to free the food grains trade from the speculative price manipulation as also do the useful service of giving employment to thousands of poor people who because of their destitution fall easy prey to the conspiracy of the economic criminals against the society.

This task which is an important democratic measure is definitely within the power of a state government. But in order to accomplish this urgent democratic task, one is to be bold in the real sense, not merely in words. One will have to give up the policy of appeasement to the police, bureaucracy, the business gentry, village jotedars and even middle peasants having some surplus in grains. One will have to be firm even against the army of loompens who have fallen victims to immoral way of life.

But instead of taking this real task, an urgent democratic task, the left front ministry in West

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COUNTRY RECALLS THE GREAT TEACHINGS OF COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH

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every odds and following the great teachings of Comrade Ghosh to build up ourselves as the worthy disciple of him.

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Cuttack : A memorial meeting at Cuttack was held at the Cuttack Railway Institute Hall on the 27th September last. Hundreds of students and youths, workers and employees and common people at large thronged the hall to pay their heartfelt homage to their great beloved departed leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. As the main speaker of the meeting, Comrade Provas Ghosh, a member of the W. B. State Secretariat of our Party, while paying his homage to the great departed leader, said that the real significance of paying homage to such a giant revolutionary leader lies in continuous and constant cult of the teachings of his life-long struggle, in its realisation and thereby acquiring higher and still higher revolutionary character in life. The history of the great revolutionary life of Comrade Ghosh and the history of building up of SUCI, the only genuine Marxist-Leninist Party in Indian soil is one and the same. Through the concrete application in the concrete condition in our soil Comrade Ghosh elaborated, enriched and brought Marxism-Leninism to a new height. He observed—it will be impossible to understand Marxism-Leninism today unless the teachings of Comrade Ghosh with all its brilliant extension and elaboration of Marxian science is understood. So, to make oneself a true revolutionary and truly to pay homage to the memory of this great leader of the proletariat one must come forward to devote and identify oneself more and more with the interest of revolution, the party SUCI, the best creation of his life and thus will be able to fulfil

his behest. Comrade Dwarika Ratha, President of the meeting, also addressed.

Jajpur Road : A memorial meeting in memory of the great departed leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was held at Jajpur Road on the 10th September last. Admirers even from Cuttack, Keonjhar and Baleswar attended the meeting to express their deep love and respect to the beloved departed leader. Representatives of different mass organisations placed wreaths at the portrait of Comrade Ghosh and all took the pledge to fulfil his behest in a most solemn manner.

Comrade Tapas Dutta, Secretary of the Orissa State Committee of our Party was present as the main speaker. While paying his tribute, Comrade Dutta showed how at the tender age of his boyhood Comrade Ghosh could realise from his experience gathered from his conscious participation in freedom struggle that all the fruits of independence achieved through the unlimited sacrifice and sufferings of the common people were being usurped by the capitalist class. The moment he could realise that the real emancipation of the masses from all sorts of exploitation and oppression would not be possible unless a genuine working class party of their own with a correct base political line is built up, Comrade Ghosh took upon himself to build up such a party—the SUCI in our soil.

Comrade Ghosh taught us that the higher moral, cultural and ethical values and character are the foundations of all struggles and ideologies. He taught us that the kernel of every lofty ideal and ideology lies in its cultural, ethical and moral standard. Comrade Dutta said that the sudden and premature demise of a giant communist leader

Mammoth Public Meeting Under the Auspices of Khargapur (Munghyr) Unit of SUCI

At the initiative of Khargapur Unit (Munghyr) of SUCI a mammoth public meeting was held on 22nd August last at the Dak Bunglow Maidan. Comrade Amriteswar Chakraborty, a member of the Bihar State Committee was on the chair. Before the meeting started, many processions of agricultural labourers, Adibasis students and youths and a large section of intelligent-sia surged the meeting braving inclement weather.

Comrade N. R. Singh, member of the Bihar State Committee and a renowned mass leader of Bihar who was present as the main speaker, in his illuminating speech on the present political situation, said that unless the various democratic struggles covering the issues of unemployment, steep price-rise, educational reforms, corruption etc. are conducted on the basis of "correct base political line" of anti-capitalist socialist revolution, all these movements are bound to end in a fiasco however, untold sufferings and sacrifices are made by the toiling people. In this connection, Comrade Singh

like Comrade Ghosh is no doubt a great loss to the toiling millions of India and the world over but at the same time, he reminded, in a situation like this the great void that has been created in the national and international arena can be filled up and the most befitting homage to this great revolutionary leader can be paid if we can take upon ourselves the noble task that he has left for us : to bring the anti capitalist revolutionary movement to its victorious goal.

On this occasion a school of politics on the life and teachings of Comrade Ghosh and on Marxism-Leninism was organised on the 11th and 12th September after the Memorial meeting was held.

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explained the conspiracy of the Indian bourgeoisie as to how they tried before the Lok Sabha poll and how they have been able to instal the so-called "Two-Party Democracy". He showed, that it was nothing but an attempt of the bourgeoisie to take recourse to fascism.

In his appeal to the people Comrade Singh said that while the so-called Communist Parties, CPI and CPI(M), have aligned themselves with the erstwhile ruling Congress and Janata Party respectively in their pursuit of most opportunist politics, it was the SUCI, the Party of the Indian proletariat, that alone stands today as the defender of leftism and revolutionary banner. He expressed his firm conviction that the SUCI, founded and reared by our great departed leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, will be able to carry through the great task lying ahead of us.

Comrade Amriteswar Chakraborty in his presidential speech urged upon the vast multitude of the people assembled in the meeting to develop their instruments of struggle on

the edifice of proletarian ethics in their fight against the vital problems of life. Other speakers who spoke in the meeting were Comrade Balaiki Prosad of AIDSO and Comrade Jagdis Paswan, a leader of the peasants.

Earlier, on the forenoon of the same day the Khargapur Unit of SUCI went in a massive demonstration to put up a memorandum to the BDO in which thousands of Agricultural labourers, poor peasants, adibasis and other poorer section of the toiling people participated. The Memorandum highlighted among others, the following demands :

- 1) Introduction of all-out State Trading in essential commodities.
- 2) To give employment to the unemployed and in lieu of it introduction of adequate unemployment allowance.
- 3) To recover and distribute all benami including khaslands among the landless peasants on the basis of economic holding.
- 4) To ensure supply of fertilisers, seeds and canal water in time and at fair rates.
- 5) To provide flood relief on emergency basis to the victims of the recent flood.

ASSAM CARBON PRODUCTS LTD. EMPLOYEES UNION CONTINUES HEROIC STRIKE STRUGGLE

The management of Assam Carbon Products Ltd., a concern of Goenka & Himmatsnka monopoly houses, taking advantage of 'Emergency' was so long following anti-labour practices and resorted to widespread retrenchment and was depriving the employees of conducting their lawful trade union movements. The Employees' Union of the Assam Carbon Products Ltd. affiliated to UTUC (Lenin Sarani) tried for negotiated settlement at the bipartite and tripartite levels, of their legi-

itimate demands for Bonus for 1975-76, re-instatement of victimised employees, revision of pay scales etc. which having failed was compelled to go on strike with effect from 12.8.77.

The Labour Department of Assam Government in the meantime, instead of locking after the interest of the employees, came to the rescue of the monopoly house by making references to one or two picked up secondary demands of the employees. The Labour Department not only left behind the

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met the Prime Minister and placed on behalf of the Party's Central Committee a memorandum demanding, among other things, that as against the practice of the last Congress Government the Janata Government should not allow its police to interfere in legitimate and democratic mass movement and take recourse to forcible suppression of such movements. In reply the Prime Minister said, as a Gandhite he himself might be a believer in non-violence but his government might not be. Thanks to the Prime Minister for his frankness, he has proved himself truthful in Rajnagar, Jitpur, Bokaro, Barahiya and so on and so forth!

During the 19 months of Emergency when people's fundamental freedom and democratic rights were most ruthlessly suppressed, workers' right to strike, to organise movements or any form of militant struggle, even the right to dissent were denied, the CPI(M), in tune with other bourgeois and social democratic parties, blamed those oppressive measures just as an act of an individual dictator. And after the election CPI(M) party claimed that a qualitative change had taken place. But our party has all along given the warning that those oppressive policies and the proclamation of Emergency were not a question of an individual clinging to power but were taken to protect the capitalist system in the throes of a deep crisis. Due to the all-embracing crisis in the political, economic and social system people's rising discontent had burst forth in waves after waves of protest on all corners of our country. The bourgeoisie, panicky of this popular upsurge of the masses which endangered the capitalist system itself, drastically curtailed democratic rights and civil liberties of the people

in order to buy time and to save the crisis-ridden, chaotic capitalist system. But the 'bitter pill' of Emergency could not cure the ills and the economic crisis became even more intense and the sufferings of the people more acute than ever. As a result people's wrath became directed, with increasing vehemence, against the totally discredited dictatorship of the ruling party. The bourgeoisie who realised the danger in the emergence of militant mass movement under the leadership of left and democratic parties headed by a working class party, initiated the process of Two-party democracy in our country. Thus, the bourgeoisie placed another alternative party of their own class who would stand in defence of the capitalist system before the people. The aim and object of this is to divert people's attention and their grievances and keep their legitimate mass movements within the confines of parliamentary reformism and legalism, while clamouring at the same time for restoration of democratic rights and civil liberties. Actually when a proletarian party raises the slogan for restoration, preservation and extension of civil liberties and democratic rights it does so with the sole object of strengthening and extending scope for legitimate democratic mass movement, to intensify the revolutionary class struggle, to educate the masses and to prepare them politically and organisationally for overthrow of capitalist system. But when the bourgeoisie or the social democratic parties raise the slogan for restoration and extension of democratic rights they do so merely to exploit the anti-ruling party feelings of the people for their own parliamentary ends. And once they are seated in governmental power these parties do not even restore the democratic rights and civil

liberties, or restore only just as little as is needed to run a Two-party system smoothly, not to talk of extending these rights. This is the nature and the extent of their concern for democratic rights and civil liberties. Long before, our great departed leader and teacher **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** taught us that in the era of imperialism and moribund capitalism, the bourgeoisie are more attached to militarism and bureaucracy and less attached to democracy and liberty however much they may clamour about liberalism and democracy. The truth of this analysis has been demonstrated by the Janata Government itself. In their six month's rule they have let loose an orgy of violence and ruthless suppression of people's democratic rights. So, even though the party in power may talk of restoration of democratic rights reality shows a different picture altogether, and legitimate trade union movement is suppressed in the most ruthless manner. From this the working class must take lesson and know that at the time of intense crisis of capitalism the bourgeoisie, whichever be the party in power, takes recourse to savage oppression in order to defend capitalism.

We demand that this oppression must be stopped and that the police must not interfere in the legitimate democratic movements. Unless this principle is accepted and faithfully implemented all talk of restoration of democratic rights is nothing but an empty slogan, a bunkum: it is meaningless for the common people. At the same time people must understand that the root cause behind this gross and outrageous violation of democratic rights and norms is in the crisis-ridden capitalist system, and to protect this system the bourgeois party in power take recourse to different tactics. Emer-

A I D S O Victorious in Several College Elections in Bihar

Jamalpur Evening College

In the students union election of Jamalpur Evening College in Munghyr district on 16th August last A I D S O candidate **Comrade Bipin Behari Varma** was elected General Secretary of the union with a huge margin of votes. He has been nominated as the member of the Bhagalpur University Senate also.

The D S O candidates have also won the President and Vice-President seats of the union in this election.

Jamshedpur Karim College of Education

Recently the students union election in the Jamshedpur Karim College of Education was comple-

ted on the last 26th August '77 after a prolonged postponement of it by the college authority in connivance with the Chhatra Janata and other opportunist elements. The A I D S O had long been demanding a democratic election of the college union. In this election, the A I D S O, heroically fighting against the disguised Chhatra Janata-AISF and SFI combination backed by the college principal, have captured five seats out of six. **Comrade Jahirul Hossain**, **Comrade Manisa Roy** and **Comrade Kefayatur Rahman** have been elected respectively the President, Vice-President and a Joint Secretary of the Union.

SCHOOL OF POLITICS IN ROURKELA

Under the auspices of the Party's Rourkela District Committee a school of politics, as a part of the observance of the first death anniversary of the great leader of the proletariat **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** was organised at Rourkela from September 10th to 12th last. And along with this school special group meetings of the local organisers of different mass organisations were also held

every morning. Discussions in the school were mainly made on the teachings and thoughts of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh**. Among other subjects which were dealt in the school, the history of formation and building up of SUCI with which the history of the life-long struggles of **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh** is inseparably linked up, process of formation of a revolutionary party, process of building up of communist character, approach towards and significance of life to a revolutionary, code of communist conduct, present political situation, specially the advent of Two-party system in our country and its significance and present problems of and crisis in left united movements in India specially in relation to the real character of the 'Left Front' Government in West Bengal in the light of the teachings of **Comrade Ghosh** were some of the important topics discussed. **Comrade Asutosh Banerjee**, member of the West Bengal State Secretariat and Calcutta District Secretary of the Party conducted the school.

gency was one such tactics to achieve this end and curtail the freedom of the people, now different tactics for curtailing the democratic rights of the people have been adopted: restrictions have apparently been removed but behind their postures and clamour about freedom the same policy is at work. These are but head and tail of the same coin. People will have to realise that in order to bring about a betterment and a fundamental change they must give an anti-capitalist orientation to their mass movements otherwise no change, no solution can be achieved even with most militant of movements.

How the 'Left Front' Government Fulfil its Promises

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Bengal is just doing what the previous government did. But the situation is still worse and far more complex. Because of the illusion they create in the mass mind as a left government, they successfully arrest mass movement against the traders and thereby better serve the traders' interest than the Congress Government. The people had no illusion about the political objective of the Congress and so it was easier to organise them in a mighty movement. Today the Left Government is pursuing the same policy but there is no movement against the government's pro-vested interest policies. But West Bengal is a state where mighty mass movements on food were staged again and again and the soil went wet everytime with blood of the exploited people. Most of the leftist leaders who are now in the ministry have all come all along this blood-soaked path of people's movement. But they are trying their best to forget their debt to the people and even could not pay their token respect to the martyrs of the glorious food movement of 1959 on 31st August by a mark

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unemployment allowance, (3) Immediate restoration of all democratic rights, Repeal of M. I. S. A. and 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act., Release of all categories of Political Prisoners and (4) Adequate relief to the flood-stricken people of Assam. With these demands, mass demonstrations and deputations will be organised before the secretariat and the offices of the DCs, SDOs, SDCs & BDOs where written memorandum will be submitted.

In the first phase of the movement which is intended to be completed within a month, People's Committees will be formed from grass-root level throughout the state and posterings, mass meetings, demonstrations and depu-

of silence in the West Bengal Assembly although our representative reminded them. They pleaded want of time even for a minute or two! Let that be about those who died to make them ministers. But what about their sons and daughters, about their fellow countrymen, their class who are subject to far more criminal exploitation by the same enemies of the people? Do these leftist leaders bear any responsibility, any sense of moral and political debt to them? Do they repay this debt by hiding the people's enemies? Is this not the height of deception and betrayal to the people? Can the people forgive them if they simply wash their hands and disown their responsibility of waging a consistent battle against the worst enemies of the people although they promised to do so before the election, before seeking people's vote? What is it if not a worst kind of bluff to the people? Neither the people nor the history will forgive this act of treachery. They will draw appropriate lesson and act on it to decide of their own, the course of history.

tations will be arranged at important centres to highlight the above-mentioned burning issues of peoples' life. After completion of this process the next higher phase of the movement will be chalked out on the basis of the objective condition. The meeting urged upon the people of the state to actively associate themselves with this campaign and movement.

The meeting also noted with deep regret that, inspite of our repeated endeavours a genuine left democratic front' consisting of all the left and democratic parties has not emerged in Assam. We, therefore, once again, call upon all the left and democratic parties including the CPI(M) to come forward at once to develop

Strike in Assam Industrial Corporation

The employees of Assam Industrial Corporation organised under the leadership of their Union affiliated to UTUC (Lenin Sarani) was agitating for quite a long time for settlement of their outstanding disputes. They are: Revision of pay of different categories of employees, permanency of service, fixation of production quota and such other modest demands. The management not only did not pay any heed to the demands of employees, but also went to the extent of employing local goondas to frustrate the peaceful agitational movement of the employees. It is noteworthy in this connection that in these days of ever

increasing price rise the employees of this are paid an unbelievably low wage of a paltry sum of Rs. 70 a month. The management even pay scant regard to the directives of the Labour Department in regard to settlement of major disputes. The Assam Industrial Corporation Employees' Union having left with no other alternative have called an indefinite strike till an honourable settlement is reached. The fighting morale of the employees and onflinching loyalty to the call of the Union leadership has established an exemplary instance in the trade union movement in the adjacent areas.

Strike Struggle Continues

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burning problems of the employees, which formed part of the major disputes, issued prohibitory orders unilaterally directing the employees to join their respective duties. No fighting leadership, having any dignity, can comply with this order and in defiance of this order the leadership of Assam Carbon Products Ltd. Employees Union have appealed to the employees to continue the peaceful strike till honourable settlement is reached. It is worthwhile to note that the working people of Electricity Board, Railways, Refineries and

other democratic trade union centres have come forward in support of the striking employees of Assam Carbon Products Ltd. and held a joint meeting under the presidentship of Comrade Indu Bhowmick, President of Gauhati District UTUC (Lenin Sarani) Committee.

They have decided in the first place to mobilise public opinion by holding rallies, street corners demonstrations and public meetings and thereafter a total bandh will be observed in the Industrial Estate in the district in support of the striking employees of Assam Carbon Products Ltd.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

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ALIPORE CENTRAL JAIL

The prisoners of the Alipore Central Jail in Calcutta paid homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat on the 5th August in a befitting manner. Comrade Rama Shankar Singh presided over this function and Comrade Bhim Chandra Koyal and

such genuine left-democratic front which can really serve as the effective instrument of peoples' struggles which are growing everyday.

Comrade Birendra Chakraborty, on behalf of the KKMFF, Comrade Abu Kashem Molla of DYO and other prisoners paid glowing tribute to the great departed leader.

Before the meeting started Comrade Rama Shankar Singh (UTUC—Lenin Sarani), Comrade Abu Kashem Molla (DYO) and Comrades Bhim Chandra Koyal, Javedh Ali Molla, Anukul Shikari and Ganga Das—all of KKMFF garlanded the portrait of the great leader. There was a great enthusiasm among the prisoners who actively

MASS MEETING AT JAMALPUR

Jamalur, 24th Aug. '77

At the call of Jamalpur unit of SUCI (Mungyr) a largely attended public meeting was held on 23rd August last at the Maidan adjacent to Marwari Dharamasala under the presidentship of Comrade Amriteswar Chakraborty, the Member of the Bihar State Committee of SUCI.

Comrade Nalini Ranjan Singh, Member of the Bihar State Committee and the front-ranking mass leader of the Bihar Movement was the main speaker. While recounting the significance of the last Lok-Sabha poll he went on to say the defeat of the Congress at the poll in the centre after its long thirty-years' misrule no doubt, is an important event in as much as in the present stage of democratic movement in our country, the anti-Congress feeling of the people cannot but be associated with ingredients of class-hatred. The bourgeoisie therefore, conspired to channelise this anti-Congress sentiment of the people in favour of a new national alternative of their own class in order to save capitalism from the wrath of the masses. Our party, being guided by the great teachings of our departed beloved leader and teacher Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, long before cautioned the possibility and significance of emergence of 'Two-party Democracy' in our country.

In his concluding appeal Comrade Singh urged upon the people to rally behind the SUCI, the party of the Indian proletariat, which alone is holding aloft the banner of leftism and revolution in our country and which alone is capable of leading the Indian people to their cherished goal of emancipation with the success of anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution.

Comrade Suresh Tanti, the renowned mass leader of Bihar also spoke.

participated to make this first death anniversary meeting a grand success.

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